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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: THE U.S. -AFRICA, A COHERENT STRATEGY

1. AFRICAN LEADERS, CYNICAL ABOUT US FOREIGN POLICY UNDER THE REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION, ARE NOW WITNESSING A NEW "REALISM, WHICH IF PUT INTO ACTION, COULD BRING FORTH FAVORABLE RESPONSES IN AFRICA," SAYS ASSISTANT EDITOR KITAMBALA KULUBITCH IN FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL OF KINSHASA DAILY SALONGO (APRIL 4).

2. MR. KITAMBALA BELIEVES THAT IF PRESIDENT CARTER FOLLOWS UP HIS LAGOS SPEECH WITH CONCRETE ACTIONS THAT US AFRICAN POLICY MIGHT BE MORE "COHERENT" AND CAPABLE OF SOLVING THE PROBLEMS OF NAMIBIA, THE HORN OF AFRICA, AND SOUTHERN AFRICA.

3. AFTER EXPRESSING CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM IN CARTER AFRICAN INITIATIVES, MR. KITAMBALA CHARACTERIZES GREAT BRITAIN AS BEING AT THE CENTER OF THE PROBLEMS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

4. WHILE AWAITING THE BRITISH RESPONSE TO THE CARTER  
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AFRICAN INITIATIVE, MR. KITAMBALA ENDS HIS EDITORIAL BY SAYING THAT TIME WILL BE THE ULTIMATE JUDGE OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S LAGOS SPEECH.  
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